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SUBJ: SOUTH AFRICA IN UNGA: PLENARY MEETING, SEPT 30

BEGIN SUMMARY: GA, SEPT 30, ADOPTED REPORT OF CREDENTIALS
COMITE WHICH REJECTED SOUTH AFRICAN CREDENTIALS. PLENARY
ALSO APPROVED RES REFERRING TO SC "FOR REVIEW" QUESTION
OF RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN UN AND SOUTH AFRICA. IN EFFECT,
HAMBRO RULING WAS UPHELD SINCE NO CHALLENGE TO CONTRARY
MADE FROM FLOOR, OR MORE IMPORTANT, BY PRESIDENT. ALTHOUGH
THERE ALWAYS IS POSSIBILITY, WE TEND TO DISCOUNT RUMORS
THAT QUESTION OF SOUTH AFRICAN RIGHTS WILL ARISE IN GA
COMMITTEES OVER NEXT FEW WEEKS. END SUMMARY.

1. AS SOON AS SESSION OPENED, UGANDAN PERMREP (KINENE)
RAISED POINT OF ORDER, ASKING THAT REPORT OF CREDENTIALS
COMMITTEE AND DRAFT RESOLUTION A/L 731 BE GIVEN PRIORITY
ATTENTION. ACCORDINGLY, CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN INGLES
(PHILIPPINES) READ SUBSTANCE REPORT A/9779. STATEMENTS
URGING APPROVAL OF CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT AND SC
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ATTENTION TO ENTIRE MATTER OF SA FOLLOWED, BY REPS

OF UGANDA, NIGERIA, SOMALIA, ALGERIA, GUYANA (FOR CARIBBEAN), SYRIA AND YUGOSLAVIA.

2. BAROODY (SAUDI ARABIA) RAISED POINT OF ORDER TO PROPOSE ADDITIONAL OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH 2, READING: "PENDING ANY DECISION THAT MIGHT BE TAKEN BY THE SC PURSUANT TO THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PRECEDING PARAGRAPH AND TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THAT THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA IS REPRESENTATIVE OF THE WHITE MINORITY WITHOUT ITS GOVERNMENT HAVING ASCERTAINED THE WILL OF THE BLACK MAJORITY, URGES THE GOVERNMENT OF SOUTH AFRICA FORTHWITH TO TAKE DRASTIC ACTION TO RECTIFY THIS ANOMALOUS SITUATION". STATEMENTS CONCERNING NEED FOR SA PEOPLE TO MAKE FREE CHOICE OF THEIR REPS FOLLOWED, IRONICALLY FROM REPS OF CUBA, BULGARIA AND UKRAINE. INDIA ALSO SPOKE. MEXICO SUGGESTED FOLLOWING AMENDMENTS FIRST LINE OF OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH 1 TO READ: "CALLS UPON THE SC TO REVIEW WITH URGENT CHARACTER...", AND NEW OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH 2 TO BE ADDED READING: "INVITES THE SC IN CARRYING OUT ITS REVIEW TO CONSIDER THE DESIRABILITY OF RECOMMENDING TO THE GA, IN CONFORMITY WITH ARTICLE 5, THE IMMEDIATE SUSPENSION OF SOUTH AFRICA'S EXERCISE OF THE RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES OF MEMBERSHIP".

3. SENEGAL, ON POINT OF ORDER, ASKED APPLICATION OF RULE 75, CALLING FOR CLOSURE OF DEBATE AND IMMEDIATE VOTE ON BOTH QUESTIONS. SENEGALESE PERMREP (FALL) URGED BAROODY TO WITHDRAW HIS AMENDMENT, THREATENING THAT AFRICANS, WHO OPPOSED IT, WOULD VOTE AGAINST IF HE PERSISTED. FURTHER, HE OBSERVED THAT AFRICANS IN FACT HAD STUDIED LANGUAGE PROPOSED BY MEXICO, THEN DROPPED IT. SOUTH AFRICA NEXT OPPOSED MOVE FOR CLOSURE. PLENARY THEN VOTED ON CLOSURE REQUEST, WITH FOLLOWING RECORDED RESULT: 103-21 (US)-10. WHEN PRESIDENT CALLED ON SOUTH AFRICA, WHICH HAD REQUESTED FLOOR, TO EXPLAIN VOTE, SENEGAL ASKED TO INVOKE RULE 72, AND LIMIT SPEAKERS TO ONE MINUTE. SENEGAL WAS JOINED BY REPS OF NIGERIA AND TUNISIA, BUT, SEEKING A CONSENSUS ON SENEGALESE PROPOSAL, PRESIDENT WAS DENIED ONE BY REP OF UK. BRITISH INSISTED THAT THOSE WHO ARE CONDEMNED MUST HAVE THEIR SAY. PREDICTABLY, SOUTH AFRICA SUPPORTED UK. AS VOTE BEGAN ON RULE 72, BAROODY MADE ANOTHER POINT OF ORDER, TO WITHDRAW HIS AMENDMENT AND, IN ORDER AVVOID UNCLASSIFIED

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DANGEROUS PRECEDENT, TO APPEAL TO SENEGALESE PERMREP TO WITHDRAW PROPOSAL FOR TIME LIMIT. SENEGAL, "IN SPIRIT OF COMPROMISE" WITH BAROODY, AGREED TO ALLOW SPEAKERS FIVE MINUTES TO EXPRESS THEIR POINTS OF VIEW BUT PRESIDENT DID NOT IMPOSE SPECIFIC TIME LIMIT. SOUTH AFRICA THEN TOOK THE FLOOR AND ARGUED THAT ITS CREDENTIALS WERE IN ORDER, THAT SOUTH AFRICA, AS AN AFRICAN STATE, DESIRES TO LIVE TOGETHER AND COOPERATE WITH OTHER AFRICAN NATIONS AND TO

EXPLORE WAYS TO DO SO.

4. CHAIRMAN THEN OBSERVED THAT SINCE MEXICAN (SUGGESTION" WAS NOT A FORMAL PROPOSAL, VOTING COULD PROCEED ON CREDENTIALS REPORT AND ON A/L.731. ORIGINAL BAROODY "AMENDMENT" TO A/L.731 WAS CIRCULATED AS NEW DRAFT RESOLUTION IN INTERIM (A/L.732, COPY POUCHED DEPT). RESULTS OF RECORDED VOTE THEN HELD ON CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT WERE: 98-23(US-14. (TALLY SHEET BEING POUCHED DEPT).

5. IN EXPLANATIONS OF VOTE PRIOR TO VOTE ON A/L.731, STATEMENTS DELIVERED BY FRANCE (FOR EC-9), NEPAL, PARAGUAY, BOLIVIA, CANADA, IRAN, UK, EL SALVADOR, MAURITIUS, NEW ZEALAND, FINLAND (FOR NORDICS) AND AUSTRIA. RESULTS OF RECORDED VOTE WERE: 125-1 (SOUTH AFRICA)-9(US). (TALLY SHEET BEING POUCHED DEPT.) FYI: DESPITE PRIOR AGREEMENT, EC-9 WERE CLEARLY SPLIT. NINE ABSTENTIONS INCLUDED: FRANCE, IRAN, ISRAEL, MALAWI, NICARAGUA, PARAGUAY, SPAIN, UK, AND US. END FYI. STATEMENTS IN EXPLANATION OF VOTE AFTER VOTE WERE MADE BY US (SEPTEL), NETHERLANDS, AND FRG. FOLLOWING SENEGALESE APPEAL ON BASIS RULE 73, URGING POSTPONEMENT OF CONSIDERATION OF SAUDI PROPOSAL, BAROODY AGREED TO SUSPEND HIS RESOLUTION -- A "LAST WARNING" TO SOUTH AFRICA -- FOR DISCUSSION "AT LATER DATE." SCALI

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